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Our Case No. 11400-246  
Accenture I.D. 00019-00/US

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

George V. Guyan et al.

Serial No. 09/305,331

Filing Date: May 4, 1999

For: METHOD AND ARTICLE OF  
MANUFACTURE FOR  
PROVIDING A COMPONENT BASED  
INTERFACE TO HANDLE  
TASKS DURING CLAIM PROCESSING

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

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In response to the Office Action dated December 3, 2001, Applicants have timely filed this Preliminary Amendment with a Continuing Prosecution Application (CPA) and the appropriate Petition and Fee for Extension of Time. Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to withdraw the rejections and grant allowance of this Application in view of the following remarks and new claims.

Please amend this application as follows: